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SUBJECT: OTTAWA TOSSES BALL BACK TO BC ON SKAGIT

REF: OTTAWA 3697

1. DURING MEETING ON NOVEMBER 26, EXTAFF DIRECTOR USA DIVISION (SHORTLIFFE) INFORMED POL COUNSELOR THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD TOSSED BALL BACK TO PREMIER BARRETT AND BC PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES ON LATTER'S DISPUTE WITH SEATTLE CITY LIGHT CO. OVER RAISING ROSS DAM ON SKAGIT RIVER.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MOST RECENT LETTER FROM BARRETT TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU ON SKAGIT (SEE REFTTEL) IN WHICH BARRETT OUTLINED THREE STEPS FOR RESOLUTION OR TERMINATION OF PROBLEM, TRUDEAU ASKED BARRETT FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION OF "MEANING" OF EACH OF THREE ACTIONS. THESE WERE: (A) CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT WITH COMPENSATION FOR EXPENSES INCURRED; (B) CREATION OF PARK IN AREA; AND (C) PROVISION

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(FOR SALE) OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF POWER TO SEATTLE.

4. EFFECT AND INTENT OF ACTION, ACCORDING TO SHORT-
LIFFE, WAS TO KEEP DISPUTE AT LOCAL LEVEL BETWEEN BC
AUTHORITIES AND SEATTLE LIGHT COMPANY OFFICIALS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, SHORTLIFFE SAID THAT
ANY PROPOSAL BY BC THAT IT WOULD SELL ELECTRIC POWER
TO SEATTLE CITY LIGHT COMPANY, IN LIEU OF RAISING DAM,
WOULD BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD.
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